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THE NEWS "RING".

There seems to be a desire on the

It is interesting to see the history of THE NEWS since it came under the present management. The county, through a few of its Republican officials, has started a system of feeding political pap to The News, and The News editor replied that he knew imposed on at times, and unquestionably have made political mistakes that the Democrats would accuse the bly have made political mistakes that the Democrats would not be country in every confavored no county candidates and has and related a system of feeding political mistakes that the Democrats would accuse the bly have made political mistakes that the Democrats would not be countenanced in older favored no county candidates and has and created a system of feeding political mistakes that the Democrats would accuse the bly have made political mistakes that the Democrats would not be countenanced in older favored no county candidates and has and create the country in every constitute of the struggle for suprem-\$240 per year for publishing the pro-ceedings of the county commissioners and gets all of the printing of official papers of the county. Not being satisfied with ordinary profits on printing, at the April meeting of the convention and willing to town.

The county commissioners are county commissioners as a straightforward Republican newsget that the paper must do it at the cost of the Democratic patronage of the did not know the circumstances would at the April meeting of the commissioners THE NEWS through its editor presented a bill to the board for \$70 for the man who threw the above boome-printing 1,000 blanks for the assessor's rangedlid not know that it would return examining those blanks and can safely say that they were worth just the sum forgot that THE NEWS and its friends its printing done cheaper somewhere of SIX DOLLARS, a single "hold up" of \$64 in favor of the News. The commissioners having ordered the blanks with out getting a figure before hand, could not understand how any such blanks canard. Perhaps he did not know that Republican newspaper. The editor did editor, some of the remarks being more could cost \$70 and asked the honorable THE NEWS editor realizes that no sec-Mr. Manning, how it was. He made a tion of the United States contains as whining appeal and gave the commissioners a long lecture on the cost of slope and the contains as large an aggregation of back-biting, unsubstitute of the united States contains as considered it made through ignorance of least complimentary. In view of the sion and tear down all attempts to considered it made through ignorance of fact that the printing company had such matters. It was a new board and fact that the printing company had the companies and later, with shameless sloners a long lecture on the cost of printing in this territory, and claimed that it was an open order and they were that it was an open order and they were committed to the payment of it. They find the companies as this, and that the article would be regarded as the vaporing find the companies as the persistency of progressive individuals were attacked by law and that it all classes of work and keep ahead of progressive individuals were attacked by these jeglous human vultures. Their finally compromised on \$50, which was paid. After the meeting the commissioners looked into the matter and saw PARTY PRIDE PARAMOUNT. that they had been gulled through their

Ignorance of the printing business.

As a consequence the next batch of a Republican paper, for ork and that in face of

NO INTEREST IN COUNTY POLITICS. Heretofore, THE NEWS has taken no the patronage they are able to give. part in county politics whatever. Its support the men nominated. Perhaps rang did not know that it would return We have had an opportunity of and wreck havoc in his own camp. He considered if the county could not get would resent the matter and solidify else. This regardless of the fact that stating that THE NEWS was "trying to Otero county. against any Republican combination The News was the only paper of gener-

r. Manning has arraigned the com- ishness to retard the business, progres- patronage it can get. of the town and county.

of Republicans has made upt the Republican orall, and that a Repubessing for many o notice has been party pride was

an newspaper a terially aid in attra d investors here, so t

convinced or else re- newspaper man would consider \$500 a meeting of the board a bill came in for cident, and an effort now to use it as statement as something that no year any inducement to locate here and some other blanks from the New Mexicampaign matter in the hope of gulling man can labor under. The blow about the glorious resources of the can printing campany which were larg- some outside reader, is extremely silly.

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board of county commissioners it was

Considering that the county commisdemocratic newspaper this concern and give it to a cheaper paper, it does not look as though they were in any combination or were at any the article referred to time breaking their necks to "feed poli-The fight against tical pap to THE NEWS."

to the personal referred to in the Democratic paper, was ager being ill at the time, and perhaps the publishers. brought to THE NEWS office, the mana- a little irritable) and asked the price. and snarling ger advised the man who brought it "It is worth six or eight dollars, and I deputy assessor had no copy to go by can tell them we don't want it at any was wanted, it was running around with proofs, fixnew concern the county from the office has to pay for it.) The told Messrs, Shepherd and Laurie about one with a particle of statement that the Democratic paper it, and the latter was of the opinion that the county printing could have done it for \$6 is pure rot. that the wrong course had been purry far toward supporting That institution does not possess a man sued, but that the other fellows were also with brains enough to prepare the copy, foolish to ask for the bid. Later conings that aid to make up a material enough to set up the job or a siderable work was given THE NEWS and per, but the \$240 per year press large enough to print it. It was a no instance has ever been cited where ounty printing would not blank larger than a mortgage deed and any "hold up" was attempted. The ls of this institution one which would ordinarilly have cost a next day after the above incident oc-If the county officials county 10 cents per sheet. THE NEWS curred every Republican and Demoty imagine that a good placed the price at 7 cents. At the cratic politician in town knew of the iner and cost less, and the commissioners desired to know why the New Mexican blanks could be printed so cheap. THE News editor went over the cost of the blank furnished by this office with the foreman and found that the bill was not exorbitant. The fault in cost was partially due to the failure of the deputy to furnish copy, and in taking up the time of THE NEWS foreman in preparing it. The cost of the blank was shown the commissioners and their attention was called to the fact that the blank furnished by the New Mexican was some thing used in every county in the territory and that, judging from the number furnished Otero county, fully 50,000 must have been printed, showing a handsome sum for the work in toto. There is some difference between printing 50,000 and 1,000 blanks, but a man

> The chairman of the board of comwould not cost more than two or three brewer. dollars, and that he would not have ordered it if he had known it was to be expensive. The appointed county officials have in the evening Harvey would take up a pensive. The editor then volunatrially offilled the offices very creditably, and it collection and regale the guest with a collection and regale the guest with a fered to take 10 per cent of profit on the job, including preparing the copy, composition, changes, and presswork and not present one. The News editor has the context of the guild look at Stuart and gravely say: "Is this the first dust storm you have ever seen in this country?" Stuart with the posi-

who is incapable of figuring on any sort

of a printing job is not supposed to real-

ize this. The commissioners agreed to

pay the bill. "The honorable Mr. Man-

ning" did not make a "whining plea,"

for he does not do business that way.

He conducts business on business prin-

ciples, knows the cost of work and

knows what constitutes a fair profit and

demands what is just. If he don't get

even just the same.

to blow him to hell and a man who cau- In fact, after deducting the cost of la- Mr. Stuart said that he did not want clais for the reason that the public its work in their behalf with five times absolutely necessary and that while this was new to them all, and they were con- canvassed, and again the stranger would man, but it is a fact. It may also be one would doubtless facilitate the work scientious, honest office holders rather THE NEWS would have been much bet. of the assessor, it could be done without. than politicians and they may have been not pushed any man forward to the det- has now. When politicians want a and that he did not think it best, now countles where the struggle for suprembe sure to make a kick; and so the mat-

to print the above facts. It may not be Democratic paper ever gets an opportu- the concern was entitled to more con-Banner for a figure on it. The Banner in no harm to the community and it may the work at the full legal rate and no Otero county at least should take a norable Mr. Manning set a price of how mean, contemptible and narrow- is little enough in the work, and a con- a cheaper place to publish the county Naturally, the Banner got the job, minded they are in allowing their self- sistent party paper is entitled to all the printing, the kick on the cost of printsioners desired to take the printing from of taxation on the plant were all contheir organ. The straw that broke the DEMOCRATIC PAPER. Mr. Collins When the blank for the assessor's office, called at the manager's house (the manall of two days making out the Good, instead, that our price is \$24. I want to put it high enough to lose it and box headings, etc., before he see if they will give it to the Democratic ascertain exactly what was de- paper. Then tell Mr. Good of my con-After it was done and the job set versation with you after he gives the pe a new deputy had charge and blank away, and also tell him that in ed something else, so the job the future when the Republicans of wer again. In all, the time Otero county want the support of THE in preparing copy, composi- News we will be compelled to take bids press work, etc., was nearly from their Democratic opponents. Also And that time was paid a tell Mr. Shepherd what I have done in week man (THE NEWS does not hire this matter and tell him that I will expetent printers and the concern plain why I did so, when I come down takes up the time of a good man town." That afternoon the manager

The charge that there is a "NEWS ring" is even more absurd than the has proved so detrimental to the town is others. THE NEWS has had no candidates and has steadfastly refused to en- the cemetary will have a new monument tertain any names except for the legis- this fall and it will be inscribed: "Re lative ticket. Some time ago Mr. Baker | publican party of Otero county." asked for an expression from the editor and he was told that the paper would support him heartily if nominated, but the spring of 1809 have something to rethat nothing could induce the editor to flect on now, and their reminiscences be drawn into county political fights give evidence of a remarkable change prior to the convention. Mr. Baker has in the social, religious, business and pocappers that THE NEWS editor was the district north of the hotel was a fighting him, but there was no truth in stretch of barren sage brush plain apone was able to give him proof. The claim it. But the town had something truth of the matter is that no one con- at the time that was even better than nected with THE News has cared a con- fertile land-it possessed a band of entinental who was nominated on the ergetic, wide-awake citizens, all pulling ticket. THE NEWS editor is not out for in unison for the best interests of the office and no office within the gift of the place. Then the rotund form of genial parties should endorse him and insure a debt of gratitude that it can never entail the sacrifice of friends. THE society of "white" people even though it he wont do "whining" but will get glad to support him in case he were make the acquaintance of the stranger not supported any one else for either of ties of Alamogordo and of Otero county.

PRESENT OFFICIALS.

out of the county printing has been liberally evidenced by others in previous

From the time the county was first not care much about the break, and forceful than eloquent and not in the number of residents to retard progresconsidered it made through ignorance of least complimentary. In view of the sion and tear down all attempts to conthe members thought it perfectly right. spent over \$4,000 in Alamogordo trying the companies, and later, with shameless was the price paid by every other coun- the times, and considering that the paper by these jealous human vultures. Their ty in the territory. In this connection was then the best weekly in the terri-THE NEWS editor blushes to be forced THE NEWS desires to state that if the tory, it looked to the editor as though back rooms of Alamogordo to the pigeon holes in writing desks of Pennsylvania. printing to be done was submitted to the policy to do so, but it certainly can result nity to do the county printing it will do sideration and that the Republicans of No man has been safe from their slurs and slander, and many who were anx- ditions. set a price of \$7.50 and upon the same be the means of convincing some people bid will be made against them. There pride in it. The matter of looking for social ware have been forced to see the social gaze have been forced to see the sanctity of their homes invaded and ng a blank, the withholding of the de- their private lives paraded before solinquent tax list and the arbitrary raise clety by hide-bound fanatics whose crooked, lying tongues are capable of sidered by the editor as utter disregard distorting fact to hideous unreality. No on the part of the county officials for man in the employ of the companies has felt but what his tenure of office decamel's back was laid on when THE pended alone on the good will of some News manager was requested to BID malicious-minded, tattling, exaggerating ON A COUNTY BLANK AGAINST A he-devil or she-devil with a "pull" back East. A few of the liberal minded fel- into social, religious and political faclows, who disregarded all cliques and has been the result? Many have moved business, but rather on the "pull" they tolerant of that it was an expensive blank and that guess six dollars would be a good price their families away rather than see them would have to get an order from the for it; but if the Republican county of ficials want their official organ to bid

guess six dollars would be a good price to purchase property and build residences, preferring to remain in a position that they could vawhen a man he would have to get an order from the for it; but if the Republican county of continually embroiled in the cataclysm ould be tackled. Unfortunately, the against a Democratic paper for it, you of losing patronage and the uncertain cate at a mo friendship of those with a "pull," many and as the manager of the paper could price," was the answer. Mr. Collins have declined to invest in anything that started to go away, and the manager can not be moved from the place. Noth-Business men with money invested have town property and now doggedly guard their business interests and think: gusted with the state of affairs, and yet is afraid to be liberal because he may be valling in society and business finds a politics-it is slander, lying, deceit and ity has been dinned into the ears of the time. trickery-and an honorable man in seeking to serve the public permits democratic and republican scoundrels to use his good name for a foot ball. Alamo-

> prise, and their head stones have been etched by the barbed tongue of devilish envy. Unless a change is wrought soon and the deg-in-the-manger plan which succeeded by a broader policy in politics

Those who came to Alamogordo in repeatedly been since told by back- litical cast of the community. Then all the statements and he found that no parently not worth the trouble to recounty would be accepted by him if both Colonel Harvey (Alamogordo owes him him a walk-over. The News does not even want the county printing again, if that made the tired, dusty traveler feel to gain it the policy of the paper must that it was a pleasure to be here in the NEWS editor also assurred Mr. Stuart the trip had been thresome and disagree-able. In the evening "the boys" would be congressed in the head of the boys. congregate in the hotel or rotunda and nominated. The paper has certainly and tell him of the wonderful possibilimissioners stated that he was led to the above positions, so the "ring" bugbelieve by the deputy that all he wanted aboo looks very much like a scarecrow the impression that Alamogordo was was some little scratch pad business that created by some jack-leg mischief destined to have less than 5,000 people in a year he was totally devoid of imag-ination. Perhaps a disagreeable dust

storm would rage all day next day, and

The disposition shown by the man on their company deportment, think up | THE NEWS editor trusts that his posiwho attempted to make political capital a banquet speech, dig down in their tion in the premises is clear to all. He out of the county printing has been libsee that the visitors were as thoroughly of the county and is not making political Some time later it developed that erally evidenced by others in previous impressed with the town as they were, members of the Republican party were matters and is regarded as the curse of Did a prominent man have a birthday. the boys would banquet him. All looked ship. The Republican party of Otero hopefully and cheerfully toward the fu- county would be much better off if it been an inclination on the part of a little residence that was to receive the wife of one, the business house that was to be occupied, the new enterprise that was to be engaged in by another, were objects of communito interest and pride. There were no politics. The county officials appointed by the governor were satisfactory to all and none had an am bition to succeed them. The boys laid great stress on the politics of the future and Harvey was slated for mayor, O'Shea for alderman of the first ward, and any-

> pered and forged ahead under the con-But Colonel Harvey became too popuar, and he was removed. He had been the life of the Commercial club and the the county and has preserved a quiet prime mover in all public enterprises. This paper was laughed at by a few for devoting so much space to the Colonel. He was the mark of envy and was driven out a heart broken, disappointed, nerve-shattered man-smarting under the lack of appreciation evidenced for his heroic work in helping to build up and does not propose to use them unless Alamogordo and stunned by failure of his friends to stand by him in his hour could command. In consequence busiment's notice should they

body else could have the other offices by

asking for them. Alamogordo pros-

THE OLD PRUDS. ing forth of all the old fueds that cursed the section before Otero county was cremote the public weal have gone by the ated. The Lee matter was rehearsed pleading appeals to community loyalty board, the victims of the croaker and with embellishments and variations, and and shaming of personal jealousies has scandal-monger. Strangers coming to the participants in the fued could not failed. There are a lot of people here town have been scared away by the dismal predictions of the calamity howiers may predictions of the calamity howiers.

See why new comers should not feel the same hatred. It dominated politics and standing on the street corners dispensional predictions of the calamity howiers.

Rusiness man with money hyperted have cancelled contracts for the purchase of for their animosities. There is a law in fairs that existed during Harvey's time, the land, and justice has been satisfied and let us forget the past and work for their business interests and think: been vindicated and in the eyes of the in general.

"rend me, you infernal buzzards, if you new comers here he is as much a man. The original intention of this article can!" Every progressive man is dis- as any of his enemies. Some people who consider themselves greater than justice their self importance may some day teapot by lying about THE NEWS through lead them to consider themselves greater than Christ and demand the remit-proved hydra-headed and furnished a taken advantage of. The condition pre- lead them to consider themselves great-

probabilities are that he is a big, sissy, county, they are a cheaper lot of people consider the price of the stock used, stated that he thought it inadvisable to tiveness of an old timer would assert editor, but it cuts no figure. He has irresponsible slob not worth the powder than THE NEWS editor thinks they are. thus reducing the bill to 5 cents per copy. re-nominate all of the first county offipart of some of the Republicans in this county to come to the support of The News to do such a thing. He had county to come to the support of The News to do such a thing. He had he came from, or that he is a slanderous, does not leave a good man more than a placed his foot in it, through not know
In fact, after deducting the cost of la
Mr. Stuart said that he did not want class for the reason that the public before. Shepherd would add that he ling, gentlemanly manner, and no fight would say they were a ring of perpet
heard of one before but that was prior will be made on him to further the pol
itical ends of his enemies. It may seem News of this town. In that connection the came from, of that he is a standerous, the Democratic only look at such a contemptible coyote, who dition with one view, namely, that of should have been dangled from a limb and success for the entire Democratic ticket at the November election.

The building of shops, general offices, the condition. The only trouble with the condition the bill, but that he did not propose to building, immense hotel, etc., would be case from, of that he is a standerous, does not leave a good man more than a placed his look in it, through not would be difficult to better the blank, and would be difficult to better the building of shops, general offices, should have been dangled from a limb age. The Republican party of Otero the bound of the blank, and would be difficult to better the building of shops, general offices, the condition. The only trouble with the condition. The only trouble with the condition the came from, of that he is a standerous, and yet, he came from, of that he is a standerous, and yet, he came from, of that he is a standerous.

The building of shops, general offices, the condition. The only trouble with the condition. The only trouble with the condition the came from of th retire impressed with the greatness of interesting for the public to know that the metropolis of 'Otero county. The prominent men in Alamogordo have News editor fell in with "the boys," and been repeatedly accused of furnishing not pushed any man forward to the detriment of another. It has simply posed as a straightforward Republican newsas a straightforward Republican of one of the companies were on the does not go around back-capping his road to Alamogordo, the boys would put enemies and seeking to stir up strife.

capital of Mr. Lee's misfortunes, nor does he seek Mr. Lee's political friendlong as the unfortunate affair persists in posing as a campaign issue. The Republican party is too grand an institu-tion to be used to further personal spite. LACK OF POLITICS.

Recause this paper has not taken sides and aired the spites and enmittes of persons with whom the editor has only a slight acquaintance, it is accused of lacking politics as well as "trying to run politics." If malice, hatred and mud slinging are political requisites, then THE NEWS is not in politics. It has been a clean, pure Republican newspaper from start to finish and one that must command the respect of every broadminded, thinking man. It has withstood the taunts, slanders and lies of every howling vawp and canting cur in dignity through it all; realizing, though, that it was an instrument that it could make or mar the future of anyone individual in the community. It possesses information and letters now that would lead to the undoing of many of its enemies but has refrained from using them as a last extremity.

IN BEVIEW.

It must not be considered from this article that the smouldering fire of rage continue to the injury of the town. It would require page after page of the paper to cover the field of doings during the past year, and some of the citizens would receive the nicest blessing that ever fell to their lot were such the case. meet with the disapproval of the powers The editor has talked peace and progress until he has given up in despair. Especially does it seem impossible to do The division of the community could anything now that politics are driving but result in but one thing—the bringcussing will accomplish something where timers forget that strangers care nothing Be men! Return to the old state of afso far as Mr. Lee is concerned. He has one another and the whole community

ion of the astute Republican or Repubmay not be satisfied, but we fear that licans who tried to raise a tempest in a similitude in politics. Here it is not thief on the cross. Mr. Lee's personal-

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